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METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SPORADIC BASAL CELL CARCINOMA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed August 15, 2001, due for a response on or before October 15, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following abstract on a new last page 37:

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Methods for detection of the onset or presence of sporadic basal cell carcinoma in an animal by measuring for elevated levels of ectopic expression of Gli1 in the animal's epidermal tissue sample suspected of harboring sporadic basal cell carcinoma.

Please replace the informal drawings (on seven sheets) originally filed in the application with the enclosed new set of informal drawings.

<u>REMARKS</u>

An abstract has been provided by amendment above, and a new page 37 has been attached herewith. A new set of informal drawings (on seven sheets) in compliance with the formatting rules is submitted herewith. The new drawings do not include any new matter.

<u>FEES</u>

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response; however, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks in the file history of the instant Application.

Respectfully submitted

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Enclosure:

New page 37 (Abstract of the Invention)

New informal drawings

Statement in Support of the Filing/Submission of a Nucleotide/Amino Acid

Sequence Listing